



Causes & Passions

How to identify where God is
calling you to give

Discovery exercises from NCF's Giving Strategy™
guidebook and online experience

With generosity as a guiding principle of your faith, there are many ways that passion can be expressed through giving. The following exercises will help you identify the causes and issues that bring you joy, challenge your heart, or compel you to invest. Let's clarify your reasons for giving and define the specific charities and ministries that God is calling you to support.

QUIET REFLECTIONS

Reflect on each aspirational statement below.

My giving is aligned with my passions.	I have found the right charities and ministries to support.	When I am asked to give, I know when to say "yes" and when to say "no."
I am actively joining God in his plans for the world.	My giving is aligned with what God is passionate about.	I give my time and talent to causes I care about.
My heart is very connected to the causes I support.	I can see how my personal journey has equipped me to respond to needs in the world.	My giving pushes me outside my comfort zone.

As you think about where you give, what do you feel most confident about?

What feels challenging or unfamiliar?

CAUSES

Look through the list of causes below, and follow each of these four prompts.

1. Draw a \$ next to any cause(s) you have supported financially.
2. Draw a ★ next to any cause(s) you have supported with time, skills, or influence.
3. Draw a ✓ next to any cause(s) God may be calling or equipping you to begin supporting.
4. Draw a ♥ next to the causes you feel most passionate about. These could be causes that bring you great joy, break your heart, or draw you nearer to God.

Addiction	Disaster Relief	Legal Services	Public Policy
Adoption & Foster Care	Domestic Violence	Marketplace Ministry	Retreat Centers & Camps
Animal Protection & Welfare	Education	Marriage	Refugee Support
Apologetics	Environment	Media & Publishing	Right to Life
Arts & Humanities	Evangelism & Missions	Medical Care	Single Parents & Widows
Bible Translation	Family	Medical Research	Slavery
Children's & Youth Ministry	Food Supply	Men's Ministry	Social Justice
Christian Persecution	Giving & Generosity	Mental Health	Spiritual Development
Church	History	Microfinance	Sports & Recreation
Church Planting	Homelessness	Military Support	Student Ministry
Civil Rights	Housing	Museums	Water Quality & Supply
Colleges & Universities	Human Rights	Orphan Care	Women's Ministry
Community Development	Human Trafficking	Pastoral Care	
Developmental Disabilities	Humanitarian Aid & Development	Police & Fire Department	
	Jobs & Workplace	Prayer	
	Leadership Development	Prison Ministry	

What does this tell you about where you want to allocate your resources in the future?

BIG DREAMS

Giving is an opportunity to join God in his big dreams for the world. In the left column below, make a list of the causes you want to support with your giving. What dreams has God placed on your heart for each of these causes?

Write a statement that describes your dream for each cause in the middle column. What charities or ministries have a mission that aligns with your dream statement for each cause? Record those in the column on the right.

Cause(s)	Big Dreams	Charities

Review your full list and circle the charities you would like to give to in the next 6-12 months.

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